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1. GILLIAN BROWN (UNDER SECRETARY, ENERGY) NOTES UK SHARES OUR ANXIETY ABOUT WRAPPING UP LONG TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WHILE STILL A STALWART SUPPORTER, HMG HAS WELL-KNOWN WORRIES ABOUT INCLUSION OF CONSUMPTION TAX OPTION ON LIST OF POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS FOR MSP. BRITISH REMAINED CONCERNED CONSUMPTION TAX APPROACH COULD PUT OIL PRODUCED WITHIN IEA COUNTRIES AT A DISADVANTAGE. HARDING (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ENERGY) EXPECTS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH BOSWORTH IN PARIS JANUARY 22.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY ABOUT HMG'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A LESS THAN TOTALLY TIDY PACKAGE AT JANUARY 29-30 MEETING OF IEA GB SHOULD EC FAIL TO MAKE PROGRESS ON MSP IMPLEMENTATION, BROWN SAID SHE COULD NOT ANSWER QUESTION. HMG IS SENDING INSTRUCTION CABLE TODAY TO UK POSTS IN EC CAPITALS (INFO WASHINGTON) REQUESTING THEM TO DESCRIBE BRITISH CONCERNS. SHE CONCLUDED THAT SHE SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER AOMPROMISE FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT. BROWN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROBLEM WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY EASIER IF EC AGREED ON DEFINITIVE EXCLUSION OF CONSUMPTION TAX AS PMSSIBLE COMMUNITY MECHANISM FOR MSP IMPLEMENTATION.

3. BROWN SAID UK NATURALLY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH CANADIAN EXCEPTION ON ACCESS QUESTION.

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